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Via Email

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Re: FOIA Request relating to the killing of Reuters journalists Mr. Namir Noor-Eldien and Mr. Saeed Chmagh

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Whitman:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) for:

All documents, reports, information, video and audio recordings and any other evidence or materials (whether in hard copy or electronic form) in the possession of the Department of Defense relating to the killing of Reuters staffers Namir Noor-Eldien and Saeed Chmagh in Baghdad, Iraq on July 12, 2007 during the operations overseen that day by 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Combat Brigade, 1st Infantry Division ("2nd Battalion").

This request includes, but is not limited to, any video recordings taken by Apache helicopters, other air support craft, humvees and any armored ground vehicles in the area, whether under the command of 2nd Battalion or other units operating in support of 2nd Battalion.

This request also includes, but is not limited to, evidence and materials obtained in the course of the investigation into the killings of Messrs. Noor-Eldien and Chmagh being conducted by Brigadier General Vincent Brooks.

Reuters is willing to pay reasonable fees incurred in the course of produce the materials requested herein.

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As this information concerns a matter of urgency, please provide an expedited review of this request and contact me directly by telephone or email if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TSK".

Thomas S. Kim
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Principal Legal Counsel

cc: Rear Admiral I. Mark Fox (via email)



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Dear Mr. Kim,

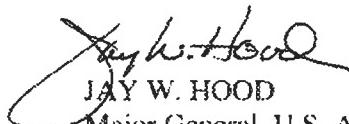
I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documents, reports, information, video and audio recordings relating to the deaths of Mr. Namir Noor-Eldein and Mr. Saeed Chmagh, Reuters journalists.

USCENTCOM conducted a thorough search and located eight responsive documents. After reviewing the information, I have determined that three (Attack Mission Request, Mission Journal, and Story Board) documents are currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, sections 1.4(a), military plans, operations, or weapon systems; and 1.4(c), intelligence activities. Therefore, the national security information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), classified information. Additional information identified in all eight documents is protected pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2)High, information regarding internal rules or practices; (b)(3), as it relates to 10 U.S.C. 130b, personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units; (b)(5), inter-agency records; and (b)(6), protection of personal privacy. As such, I'm enclosing six partially released documents. The Mission Journal and Story Board documents are withheld in their entirety.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority, by withholding this information I am partially denying your request. The cost for processing your request is \$352. Please make payment to U.S. Treasury Department and remit to USCENTCOM for processing. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite case number 07-0240, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this FOIA request, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810 and refer to USCENTCOM FOIA 07-0240 when inquiring.

Sincerely,



JAY W. HOOD
Major General, U.S. Army

Enclosures:

1. Action By Appointing Authority
2. Sworn Statements
3. Attack Mission Request
4. Photographs
5. 1st Air Cavalry Brigade AR 15-6 Investigation
6. 2nd Brigade Combat Team 15-6 Investigation
7. DD Form 2086. Record of FOIA Processing Cost